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1. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR METTEN, LEBURTON-HABYARIMANA MEETING AT GISENYI TOOK PLACE IN FRIENDLY, RELAXED ATMOSPHERE/. RWANDANS APPARENTLY SOMEWHAT ANNOYED, HOWEVER, BQY PRESENCE AT GISENYI LARGE NUMBER OF ZAIRE OFFICIALS, WHO INCLUDED COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUZA KARLI BOND.

2. MAIN POINT RAISED BY HABYARIMANA WITH LEBURTON WAS PROMISED BELGIAN AID PACKAGE FOR TOURISM. BELGIANS HAD HELD UP PACKAGE UNTIL GOR CREATED NATIONAL TOURISM OFFICE, WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN JUNE THIS YEAR. SINCE THEN TOURISM PACKAGE HAS ENCOUNTERED OPPOSITION FROM BELGIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION, MADAME PETRY. MADAME PETRY, A SOCIALIST, REPORTEDLY OBJECTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN A COUNTRY AS POOR AS RWANDA ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD CREATE

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SOCIAL PROBLEMS (KIGALI 0453). HABYARIMANA, ACCORDING

TO BELGIAN COUNSELOR, MADE STRONG PITCH FOR BELGIUM
FULFILLING HITS COMMITMENT TO RWANDA ON TOURISM.
LEBURTON REPORTEDLY NOT BRIEFED ON MATTER AND PROMISED
TO LOOK INTO IT ON RETURN TO BRUSSELS.

3. HABYARIMANA THANKED LEBURTON FOR CONTINUED BELGIAN
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA.

4. HABYARIMANA ALSO BRIEFED BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER ON
EVENTS LEADING UP TO JULY 5 COUP D'ETAT AND SUBSEQUENT
RWANDAN DEVELOPMENTS.
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